Government approval, only in the retail trade of 'Single Brand, products. The Guidelines notified, *vide* Press Note 3 (2006 Series), *inter alia*, provide that:

(i) Products to be sold should be of 'Single Brand' only;

(ii) Products should be sold under the same brand internationally; and

(iii) 'Single Brand' product-retailing would cover only products which are branded during manufacturing.

New SEZ Area

†876. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERACE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of areas proposed to be established by Government under Special Economic Zone law which has been implemented w.e.f. 10th February, 2006;

(b) the number of projects likely to be opened by Government in most backward ares like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Orrisa;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to establish Special Economic Zone in these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) There is no proposal for the Central Government to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the policy of the Government is to encourage and facilitate establishment of SEZs in the private sector or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. Accordingly, apporoval has so far been given for setting up of 117 SEZs on the basis of proposals recived from private/joint sector and State Governments, of which 13 SEZs are in Uttar Pradesh and 2 in Orissa. No proposal for setting up of SEZs has so far been received from Bihar.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.